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1. On 2 September 1951 about 2,000 men of Vo Nguyen Giap's forces arrived in Mengtzu (103-23,23-20) to take over a consignment of arms. Included in the consignment were four Soviet-made mountain guns, 30 mortars (Chinese-made), 50 heavy machine guns, 300 light machine guns, a number of rifles, sub-machine guns, and a quantity of ammunition. Part of this consignment had been delivered to Mengtzu by air.
2. On 4 September the contingent returned to Indochina accompanied by about 40 Chinese instructors.
3. As of September, most of the arms, ammunition and other military supplies given to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces by the Chinese Communists in the Nanning area were transported from Nanning to T'ientung (107-05,23-37) by boat. At T'ientung the supplies were transferred to vehicles and taken through T'ienpao (106-43,23-23) and Chingzei (106-25,23-09) to Cao Bang in the north of Indochina. The premises of the primary school by the bus station in T'ientung served as a military depot and were closely guarded.
4. A cargo of arms and military equipment which arrived in Nanning railroad station 20 September included the following:
 - a. Five anti-tank guns of American origin with new rubber tires on the wheels.
 - b. Five small howitzers of Japanese origin.
 - c. A large number of service rifles of Japanese origin (1,000 to 1,500).
 - d. Several hundred of what appeared to be very light pistols.

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- e. 200 large drums of gasoline marked with red lines and printed with Chinese characters "gasoline for military use only."
 - f. Approximately 150 rubber tires.
 - g. A large number of cases of assorted military supplies and vehicle spare parts.
5. Two platoons of soldiers who had arrived with the above cargo provided escort for the 50 trucks necessary to transport this large consignment. The five anti-tank guns were towed behind the trucks. [REDACTED]

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where the consignment and trucks were to be turned over to the EW forces.

6. Between 15 September and 1 October several military trains passed through Hankow en route to Kanning on the Peiping-Hankow and Kwangtung-Hankow railroads. These trains carried cargoes that consisted chiefly of Soviet-made artillery, automatic weapons, mortars, light and heavy machine guns, and munitions. Traveling as passengers were large numbers of officers and students who had received military training in Manchuria, and detachments of soldiers returning to South and Southwest China who acted as military escorts. [REDACTED] the arms and munitions were to supply Chinese Communist troops [REDACTED] and to aid DRV troops. [REDACTED]

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